

# 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference Comparative Education and Teacher Training

Organized by the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society

Hosted by the Faculty of Primary and Preschool Education, Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1 - 4 May 2006

## P R O G R A M

### **Conference Venue**

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Professor Dr. habil. Nikolay Popov  
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### **Keynote Speakers**

Professor Dr. Karen Biraimah  
(University of Central Florida, U.S.A.)  
Professor Dr. Mark Ginsburg  
(Michigan State University, U.S.A.)

### **Workshops**

**Workshop 1: Comparative Education as a Teacher Training Discipline: history, problems and approaches.** Workshop Chair: Prof. Dr. Charl Wolhuter

**Workshop 2: Teacher Training: curricula, innovations and new strategies.** Workshop Chair: Dr. Craig Heller

**Workshop 3: Education Policy: developments, insights and trends.** Workshop Chair: Prof. Dr. Marcella Kysilka

### **Conference Book**

*Comparative Education and Teacher Training.*  
Volume 4, 2006, 324 pages.  
Editors: Nikolay Popov, Charl Wolhuter, Craig Heller,  
Marcella Kysilka.  
Sofia: Bureau for Educational Services & Bulgarian  
Comparative Education Society

### **Conference Rooms**

Opening: Room 301  
Closing: Room 301  
Keynotes: Room 301  
Workshop 1: Room 200  
Workshop 2: Room 313  
Workshop 3: Room 213

### **Data on the Conference**

Number of participants: 60  
Number of countries: 26  
Number of presentations: 44

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## Workshops Program

### ***Workshop 1: Comparative Education as a Teacher Training Discipline: history, problems and approaches***

*Workshop Chair.* Charl Wolhuter

#### **Tuesday 2 May 2006: 14:00-15:30**

Welcome and introduction

Charl Wolhuter, Sofija Vrcelj, Marinela Mihova, R. F. A. Maarman. Students' Experience of Comparative Education in Three Countries

Sofija Vrcelj. A Comparative Education Course: Experience and Views of students at a Faculty of Philosophy Rijeka

#### **Tuesday 2 May 2006: 16:00-17:30**

M. O'Sullivan, CC Wolhuter & RF Maarman. A comparative study of an Irish and a South African comparative education course for trainee teachers

Discussion on how to advance research on Comparative Education as teacher training discipline

#### **Wednesday 3 May 2006: 11:30-13:00**

Eliška Walterova. Comparative Education for teachers in the Czech Republic: aims, models, problems

Nikolay Popov. Comparative Education as a university discipline in Bulgaria: history and current state

Olivera Knezevic-Floric. Theoretical base in comparative studies

#### **Wednesday 3 May 2006: 14:00-15:30**

Mingchang Wu, Kuo-hung Tseng, Weite Liu, Chien-Feng Tai. A Comparison Study on the Factors of Students' Mathematics Achievement in USA and Asian Countries

Alojz Klaneček. Co-operation in prevention of addictions

Conclusion

### ***Workshop 2: Teacher Training: curricula, innovations and new strategies***

*Workshop Chair.* Craig Heller

#### **Tuesday 2 May 2006: 14:00-15:30**

14:00-14:30 Jeff Zwiers. Teacher Training To Improve Girls' Education In Sub-Saharan Africa

14:30-15:00 Mohammad Reza Sarkar Arani / Masami Matoba. Challenges In Japanese Teachers' Professional Development: A Focus On An Alternative Perspective

15:00-15:30 Masami Matoba / Mohammad R. S. Arani. Ethnography for Teachers' Professional Development: Japanese Approach of Investigation on Classroom Activities

**Tuesday 2 May 2006: 16:00 – 17:30**

16:00-16:30 Nagwa Megahed. Collaborative Action And Decision-Oriented Research Projects Toward Promoting School-University Partnerships In Egypt

16:30-17:00 Lana Yiu Lan Khong. Tomorrow's Teachers in a Global City: Reflective Practice in Singapore Teacher Education

17:00-17:30 Manuela Heinz. Learning cultures and spaces in second-level teacher education - Preliminary analysis of the Irish context

**Wednesday 3 May 2006: 11:30-13:00**

11:30-12:00 Robin Chen. New Challenge For Teacher Training: Facing The Trend Of Biotechnology

12:00-12:30 Jeff Zwiers. Professional Development In Macedonia: Basing Teacher Training On Adult Learning Principles

12:30-13:00. Daniel Kirk. Bermudian English: an isolated language. How language shift in the classroom is leading to a rethinking of teacher preparation and training

**Wednesday 3 May 2006: 14:00-15:30**

14:00-14:30 Claudio-Rafael Vasquez-Martinez. Repercussions in Teacher Training: Non-completion in Distance Education in Higher Education

14:30-15:00 Nadia Touba. Developing Performance Standards for Pre-Service Secondary School Teachers in Egypt

15:00-15:30 Nagwa Megahed & Mark Ginsburg. Teacher Education and the Construction of Worker-Citizens in Egypt: Historical Analysis of Curricular Goals in National/ International Political Economic Context

**Wednesday 3 May 2006: 16:00-18:00**

16:00-16:30 Milan Knez. Renewal Of Secondary School Curriculum Regarding Physical Education

16:30-17:00 Rob Peterson. Establishing an Internet-Based Special Education Community in Bulgaria: A Summary of Preliminary Findings and Future Steps

17:00-17:30 Spela Golubovic, Tatjana Tubic, Prvoslav Jankovic. Teachers' Continuing Professional Development – Inclusive Education

17:30-18:00 Tatjana Tubic, Spela Golubovic, Prvoslav Jankovic. Self-Directed Learning in Teacher Training

**Thursday 4 May 2006: 9:30-11:00**

9:30-10:00 Jana Kalin. Challenges of in-service teacher education and quality education

10:00-10:30 Anne Convery. Student teacher attitudes to Europe: responses from policy and practice

10:30-11:00 Katya Simeonova. Pre-Service Teachers' Hands-on Research Learning

**Thursday 4 May 2006: 11:30-13:00**

11:30-12:00 Zvia Markovits & Jeong Pang. Number Sense: Comparative study with students from Israel and Korea and implications for teaching

12:00-12:30 Darjo Zuljan & Milena Valencic Zuljan. Conceptions of Learning Held by Technical Science Students

12:30-13:00 Milena Valencic Zuljan & Janez Vogrinc. The Mentor's Tasks with Regard to Novice Teachers

### **Workshop 3: Education Policy: developments, insights and trends**

*Workshop Chair:* Marcella Kysilka

#### **Tuesday 2 May 2006: 14:00-15:30**

Marcella L. Kysilka. Teacher Licensure in an Era of Teacher Shortage

Laura Dumbraveanu. Curriculum Debates and Education Policy in Romania: A Case Study for High School Education

#### **Tuesday 2 May 2006: 16:00-17:30**

Susan C. Brown. Linguistic Diversity and U.S. Law

Horst Friedrich Rolly. Comparative Education and Educational Rights of Minorities: The Special Case of Islamic Education in India and Bulgaria

Rob Peterson and Deslea Konza. A Comparative Overview of the Integration of Students with Special Needs into Mainstream Classrooms in Australia and Bulgaria

#### **Wednesday 3 May 2006: 11:30-13:00**

Steven Hawley. Charter Schools: An Educational Option

Horst Friedrich Rolly. Private Education in Bulgaria

#### **Wednesday 3 May 2006: 14:00-15:30**

Metod Černetič and Olga Dečman Dobrnjič. Human Resources Management in Boarding Schools in Slovenia

Marta Luz Sisson De Castro. Political Party and Democratic Selection of Educational Leaders: A Brazilian Case Study

#### **Wednesday 3 May 2006: 16:00-17:30**

Chen-Li Yao. Viewing Taiwan's Education Reform as a Turning Point in Education Ethics

RJ (Nico) Botha. Partnerships in School Governance as an Education Reform Strategy: A Comparative Perspective

#### **Thursday 4 May 2006: 9:30-11:00**

Emma Leticia Canales Rodriguez. Scholar Culture in Secondary Schools in Mexico in the States of Hidalgo and Tlaxcala

Nathalie De Vos. Experimental Projects at School Level in the Flemish Community: Judicial Remarks

# Conference Framework Program

## Monday, 1 May 2006

18.30	<b>Welcome Cocktail</b> , Restaurant of the Hotel of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (also called Hotel Restaurant Kedar) Address: Blvd Shipchenski prohod 50, 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria; Tel: (+359 2) 71 00 09; 8705 304
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## Tuesday, 2 May 2006

09.30 - 11.00	<b>Opening</b>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 - 13.00	<b>Keynote address:</b> Karen Biraimah. The Disconnect Between "Best Practices", Equity and Quality Education: The U.S. Case
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch, Faculty dining room
14.00 - 15.30	Workshops sessions
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee/tea break
16.00 - 17.30	Workshops sessions

## Wednesday, 3 May 2006

09.30 - 11.00	<b>Keynote address:</b> Mark Ginsburg. Professionalism: An Appropriate Ideology for Teachers and Teacher Educators
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 - 13.00	Workshops sessions
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch, Faculty dining room
14.00 - 15.30	Workshops sessions
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee/tea break
16.00-17.30/18.00	Workshops sessions

## Thursday, 4 May 2006

09.30 - 11.00	Workshops sessions
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee/tea break
11.30 - 13.00	Workshops sessions
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch, Faculty dining room
14.00 - 15.30	<b>Closing</b>
	Free time
19.00	<b>Official dinner</b> , Elektronika Restaurant Address: Blvd Shipchenski prohod 63

## Friday, 5 May 2006

Departure or post-conference cultural tours.

### Cultural tours:

Date	Time	Place to visit
5 May 2006	09.00 - 12.00	National History Museum
5 May 2006	12.30 - 18.00	Rila Monastery

Bus location for both tours: Hotel Rai 90; 13 Liditse St., tel: 8729 690

All venues – Faculty of Primary and Preschool Education of Sofia University (Conference venue), Restaurant of the Hotel of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (welcome cocktail), Elektronika Restaurant (official dinner), Hotel Rai 90 and Hotel Rai (where most participants have hotel reservations) – are located within 5 to 10 minute walking distance from each other.

# Next Conference !!!

## 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Comparative Education and Teacher Training

Organized by the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society

Sofia, Bulgaria, 28 - 31 August 2007

*Come to the 5<sup>th</sup> BCES International Conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, 28-31 August 2007, and then let's go together to the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of WCESS in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3-7 September 2007.*

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The 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Comparative Education and Teacher Training organized by the Bulgarian Comparative Education Society will be held in Sofia, 28-31 August 2007. It is planned to be held in the week just before the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the World Council of Comparative Education Societies in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3-7 September 2007 in order to give participants an excellent opportunity for combining both events.

**Workshops:** (1) Comparative Education as a Teacher Training Discipline; (2) Pre-service and In-service Teacher Training; (3) Education Policy; (4) New Practices in Preschool and Primary Education; (5) New Practices in Secondary Education; (6) Reforms in Higher Education

The BCES invites participants to act as Chairs of the above listed Workshops. The Workshop Chairs will also be invited to act as editors of the respective parts of the Conference book.

**Call for Papers:** Participants are invited to submit papers. According to the tradition established in the previous four conferences, the book of papers will be published before the beginning of the conference. Each participant will receive a free copy of the book.

**Accommodation:** The BCES will arrange accommodation for participants in 2-star, 3-star and 4-star hotels within a 10-minute walking distance from the Conference venue. Participants will pay for their accommodation directly to the hotels after arriving at Sofia.

**The deadline** for registration and submitting papers is 20 April 2007.

**Transportation to Sarajevo:** The BCES will arrange bus or train transport to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, for these participants who want to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the WCESS. The trip usually takes 7 hours. The price of this trip is not included in the conference fee and additional payment is required. The bus/train trip from Sofia to Sarajevo will be organized on 1-2 September 2007.

**For more information** about registration, papers and all conference details please contact the Conference Chair:

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